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Campus struggles with sexual violence

Students protest and reflect on concerns of sexual assault, administration tries to quell rumors

By KERI FOX
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"I would like very much to know what the story is," said one Bates student standing outside President Harward's College Street home late Tuesday night.

This question has been echoed all over campus over the past few days as rumors of rape, mobs and administrative error spread faster than the television cameras and reporters could arrive on the scene.

■ The facts

There have been a total of five formal sexual assault charges and one formal rape charge presented to the administration.

Three of the formal sexual assault charges involved one man and a fourth woman is considering formal rape charges against him; two charges involved another man. This information was made available to students as of Wednesday morning.

Wednesday afternoon, another student came forward with a rape charge involving a third man, according to Dean of Students F. Celeste Branham.

Branham had been notified of some of the sexual assaults (3) over a month ago, but the victims were still considering their options and were not ready to come forward with formal charges until this week.

The two charges of sexual assault by one man will be heard by the Student Conduct Committee next week.

The rape charge is being processed by the dean's office and the SCC.

The case involving three sexual assault charges was made more complicated by the accused man leaving campus. Although he left of his own volition, plans were in place to remove him from campus, said a press release that was issued Wednesday morning by the dean of students office. Branham believed that the student left out of fear for his own safety.

Once the student is officially charged, he will not be allowed on campus, "for the safety of the campus at large and for his own safety," said Branham. An accused student can be removed from campus "If we [the president of the deans of students] perceive him to be an imminent threat to the community," said Branham.



Students and police converge around President Donald Harward's home.

Ellen Lieba photo

The evidence which had surfaced concerning the cases involving the male student provided sufficient evidence to the deans that he was such a threat.

SCC policy mandates that after the accused is notified, the committee waits for two to five class days for a hearing. Because the student has left the area, the process cannot go forward.

The dean of students office has been in indirect contact with this accused student, but cannot formally charge him until he returns to campus.

If the student decides not to return to campus and withdraws from the college or transfers, nothing regarding these charges will be placed on his transcript as he has not been found guilty of any violation. If formally charged and found guilty, the only penalty that is fixed on a student's transcript is expulsion.

If the student does not withdraw, the charges "are kept on file and he would not be permitted back at any point in the future without undergoing a SCC hearing," said

Branham.

The accused male student has never been in front of the SCC on similar charges before, according to Branham.

■ Letting people know

Because of the concern about communication and safety that has arisen over the past four days, the dean of students office, with full approval from President Harward, has instituted a new policy in which they will "alert the community whenever we receive a formal complaint of [sexual assault]," said Branham.

The dean's office is currently planning methods to disseminate this type of information to all members of the Bates community, specifically students living off-campus and the college faculty.

■ Tuesday, midnight — the first candlelight vigil

The first vigil was planned by approxi-

mately six students who informed the campus by word of mouth and quickly processed fliers. Many people first heard of it after an announcement at a Voice and Speech performance that occurred Wednesday night.

Evette Rios '99 said that she had hoped 15 people would show up. Over 250 people actually made it to the vigil.

The purpose of the vigil was to share experiences and ideas about how the college should deal with instances of sexual harassment, assault and rape.

"I'm fed up and I'm furious!" yelled Samantha Russell '98. "I am so angry! It's not fair! ... I want action now!"

■ Wednesday morning — the mob-protest

The vigil transformed into an angry demonstration at about 12:45 a.m. Wednesday as students decided to go to Security to try to find out why Security had not reported any known instances of sexual assault in their most recent statistics.

Halfway to Security, one student in the crowd encouraged the crowd to go to the President's house instead.

"No justice!" was one of the chants used on the president's lawn student voices could be heard from the library terrace. The pounding on the president's door could be heard from the corner of Campus Avenue and Wood Street.

Clad in a pullover and sweatpants, a barefoot Harward addressed the crowd of about 300 students around 12:45 a.m. He told the crowd that this was the first time he had heard of the charges.

"I will not listen to people at 12:30 in the morning. I am not going to respond in the middle of the night to students making demands," he said.

Harward said that he would listen to students' concerns in the morning. "I assure you that the campus will respond, the dean of students office will respond ... I think that is fair. ... There's nothing else I can do now."

"Don't act like you can be accuser, judge and jury," Harward added.

The president promised to send an all-campus voicemail message informing students of what had happened that night, the rumors that were spreading, and also of an

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"It was not odd and it was not bad that my heart had broken from so much use."

-Eduardo Galeano

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Miscommunication responsible for campus climate

By TINA IYER
Features Editor

One of the most critical issues that has concerned the entire campus community over the past week is the spate of rumors that are circulating among students. The administration, the students, Security, and the Health Center all acknowledge that one of the largest causes of fear and frustration on campus has been the miscommunication.

■ Health Center

There is a great deal of confusion surrounding the manner in which the Health Center deals with issues of sexual violence on campus. Students have heard that the

Health Center has no means of dealing with rape or sexual assault, or that they are unwilling to provide forms for reporting acts of sexual violence.

According to Director of Health Services Christy Tisdale, "We do have in the Health Center the 'confidential sexual report forms.'" These forms are only available in the Health Center, "and they can be accessed by a student who has been a victim of sexual assault."

A student has only to sign in, see a nurse in a private examination room, and request the form. The student can, of course, request the form in the main Health Center room, but for issues of privacy this is rarely

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News

Issues of sexual violence lead to questions for SCC

By MATT EPSTEIN
Staff Writer

Sometime next week the charges that sparked Tuesday night's incident will be heard before the Student Conduct Committee, the disciplinary arm of Bates College.

The SCC is responsible for "determin[ing] whether or not a violation of college policy has occurred, and to mete out appropriate penalties," according to the Student Handbook.

■ How the SCC is created, how it is run

Five faculty members and five students make up the committee, with a faculty chairperson voting to break ties. They review cases that are referred to them by the Dean of Students.

The student members are appointed by the Representative Assembly for one academic year. The RA is in the process of appointing new members right now.

If the SCC finds the accused guilty it may censure them, impose minor penalties, require them to take certain actions such as counseling, place them on probation, sus-

pend them or expel them from the college.

Associate Dean of Students James Reese said that he considers the SCC to be effective, though it was designed for dealing with more benign issues. He felt that on larger matters, such as rape and assault, the SCC has difficulty because of the refusal of victims to come forward.

Those who are found guilty by the SCC may appeal to a committee consisting of the

President, the Dean of the Faculty and three faculty members. The three faculty members are one standing member of the Appeals Committee, one faculty member chosen by the appellant, and one other faculty member who is agreed upon by the previous two faculty members.

Taking a case before the SCC does not preclude the possibility of criminal or civil prosecution.

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Student Handbook

■ Training

SCC members currently receive training specifically to deal with cases of sexual or racial harassment and assault. They may not hear such cases unless they have been trained.

"It probably could be more detailed, but it's just one of those things," said the SCC student representative at Wednesday night's

forum.

The SCC representatives at the forum attributed the content and structure of the training process to Joanna Lee, director of affirmative action. The training was described as an approximately a two hour talk.

Lee provided clarification on her role after the forum.

"What I was asked to do was to talk to the committee about affirmative action," said Lee. She defines affirmative action as including diversity issues and sexual issues.

The only people who are acquired to attend her talks/training sessions are new members of the SCC.

"I've never talked to the entire committee," said Lee. "After [Wednesday] night, I am going to restructure what I do."

Lee continued to say that an in depth training on sexual assault of diversity can not be done in two hours. She also believes that SCC members should come to this training every year.

■ Changes in procedure

The student representative of the SCC informed the audience of the forum that changes had been made after a past case which had come before the SCC. Now, "students who are witnesses and accused never

directly address each other in the course of the hearing. We try to keep the possibility of confrontation and accusation down. We try to do everything we can not to re-victimize the victim in the hearing."

However, many students disagreed with the assessment that the SCC has improved its handling of these issues. One student told the story of her negative experience with the SCC in dealing with a rape case that went before the committee in which the defendant was found not guilty two years ago.

"My belief is that we also have to operate within the constraints of the guidelines, the accused must be given 2 to 5 class days to prepare for a hearing," said Dean Branham. "There are instances when we can't pull the Committee together, or we have other safety issue cases that have to be heard as well ... That may clarify that what seems to take

[so] long is the investigative part. ... We have had a case from a few years ago where a student was charged with sexual harassment, he was expelled and off the campus right away."

A discussion of the SCC process can be found in the student handbook which is referred to by students as 'the mug book.'

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8:30 a.m., Wednesday meeting, that would occur in his office.

The message was sent at 2:45 a.m.

About this time, Security called the police department because of the severity of the disturbance. Approximately 15 patrol cars and one ambulance arrived on the scene between 12:45 a.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Sergeant Mark E. Watson, supervisor of the patrol division of the Lewiston Police Department, said during the storming of the president's house that he was pleased with the peaceful outcome of the storming of the president's house. He also said that during his 12 years with the force, he's never seen anything like the mob at the president's house.

After learning the purpose of the mob-protest, Watson said, "I suggest that victims come to the station in the morning. We will not resolve this here [at the president's house]."

The crowd finally dispersed around 1:30 a.m. with Angela Perkins '00 hoarsely yelling into the crowd, "This guy can't do anything! Go home!"

"If they [the students] had as much information as they could, given the realm of confidentiality, then things like Tuesday night wouldn't happen," reflected Marino Inchaustegui '98 after the mob-protest.

"Last night was spur-of-the-moment. There was a lot of emotion," said Ben Greisinger '00.

The next morning, a small crowd gathered outside the president's office and sat silently while about nine students went in to speak with Harward and present to him a list of demands that had been created at the Ronj coffeehouse after the mob-protest had dispersed.

"I was personally thinking of resolving the bigger issue, meaning the lack of communication ... I really just wanted what happened Tuesday night not to happen again," said Inchaustegui.

Inchaustegui said that as he left the president's office, "I felt like we got a lot accomplished. I wasn't expecting him to agree with us on everything, but in many ways he did."

While students were speaking with the president, Branham held a press conference in the Lane Hall lobby lounge. While it was for the media, a number of students attended and asked questions. The conference began with Branham releasing a statement that included the facts of what was happening in a general sense but still maintained the confidentiality of the victims.

■ Wednesday evening — the forum

Part of the list of demands was a forum to be held that Wednesday evening. Originally, it was to be run by the administration, but student's took over the organization and designed the format of the forum.

The media was not allowed at the forum in order to encourage a safe and com-

fortable environment.

The chapel was filled to over-capacity (600 people). The upper balcony was opened and students, faculty, administration and parents filled the seats and lined the walls.

Katie Wyatt '00 began the forum by asking everyone who had been sexually assaulted to raise their hands; many students did. This honesty set the tone for the rest of the forum.

Katy Mills '00 provided the administration with a collection of letters from students

about their experiences with the SCC, sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape on campus. These letters were gathered that morning at a silent sit-in held in the hallway outside of the president's office.

After comments from students, a student representative and the Chair of the SCC, Associate Professor of Art Rebecca Corrie, answered questions about how the SCC works and provided clarification for students

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Student accuses Lewiston P.D. of mishandling question

By KERI FOX
News Editor

Working under the premise that four rapes had been committed by one man, one student considered the possibility of a citizens arrest. Juan Echazarreta '99 called the Lewiston Police Department at approximately 7:45 p.m. Tuesday evening for information.

Echazarreta ended up speaking with Lieutenant McGray after dealing with a "bureaucracy that was very large," Echazarreta said.

This is the one fact on which Echazarreta and McGray agree.

The student asked McGray about the conditions under which a citizen's arrest is allowed.

"He said to me, 'I don't have time to list those conditions,'" said Echazarreta. At that point, Echazarreta said he hung up the phone, then called McGray back.

A heated discussion ensued in which Echazarreta admitted to swearing at the Lieutenant. Echazarreta said that McGray ended the conversation by saying, "If you wanted the information you should have done the research on your own."

McGray's version of the encounter is different.

"What he asked for, [the conditions under which a citizen's arrest can occur], I did not have the time to tell him all the scenarios. But I said that if he gave the specific instances, I would be able to help him," said McGray.

According to McGray, Echazarreta then gave him the scenario that a friend had been raped. McGray's response was that "they should contact the police and [the police] would investigate."

Finding a medium between confidence and safety

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done. While the student's name is taken when he/she signs in, it is not recorded in the student's medical file that he or she requested a form.

With the form, the student is given a packet with a book on rape and sexual violence, a book on the legal system concerning sexual violence, and an envelope marked with Tisdale's name and the word "confidential." This envelope is for the completed form, which can be sent directly and anonymously through campus mail.

The student can choose to take this packet and leave, or stay to get more information on their options from the nurse. "The nurses try to read what people want and need at the time," said Tisdale.

The confidential sexual report form was created as an easy and safe way for the victim to report the attack. Tisdale knows that "there are times in a victim's life ... when they can maybe only speak to a piece of paper."

The form requests the following information: date of report, date of assault, time of assault, place of assault. At the bottom of the form is an optional section in which the survivor can describe the assault or name the assailant. If the victim so chooses, she/he can ask to be notified if their assailant has been the perpetrator of a similar crime in the past or in the future.

Tisdale stressed the confidentiality of the form, and said that the form is not the means by which to press formal charges. The form has never been used as evidence before the Student Conduct Committee, but Tisdale noted that it could be used in such a case.

Twice a year, the Health Center passes on the numbers, not the content, of these reports to security.

The Health Center does not pressure victims to make any particular choices concerning their well-being or plans for action. They encourage students to talk to someone or seek counseling, to take the morning after pill if necessary, and to seek medical help if there is a medical emergency.

A student can get the morning after

pill, tested for STD's, or HIV counseling at the Health Center. For an HIV test, Tisdale suggests testing at the STD Clinic in Auburn.

The Health Center ascertains the safety of the student, and offers the victimized student a place to talk and learn their options.

A student who requests to see the form but has not been victimized will be referred to Tisdale.

■ Security

A great deal of the anger on campus was directed at campus security; students noted that in the most recent of the biweekly Security and Campus Safety Crime Reports, the sexual assaults of the past month had not been taken into account. The assumption was that security either didn't know or didn't care about the sexual violence taking place.

The numbers of confidential sexual assault forms received from the Health Center are published at the end of first semester and at the end of short term.

The decision to publish these numbers only twice a year is due to the confidential nature of the reports and the fact that often times victims do not even wish their statistics to be printed so early on.

While some of the victims did approach the dean of students with their stories a month ago, the charges were not made formal until this week.

■ Administration

The Bates College administration has born the brunt of accusations of mishandling incidents of sexual violence. In the past few days, students have heard rumors that the deans of students have encouraged the victims of sexual assaults and rape to not go forward with cases and that one of the accused perpetrators has a history of sexual violence that has brought him before the Student Conduct Committee before.

Of the accusations that the administration has a history of mishandling issues concerning rape and sexual assault, Dean of

Students Celeste Branham said, "I think that is completely false."

Any silence on the part of the administration is due to an attempt to maintain the confidentiality of the victims and to protect and respect their wishes.

The accused perpetrator who is thought to have been brought before the SCC before on charges of sexual violence has never been charged with such offenses before, according to Branham. "I give you every assurance that he has not gone in front of the Student Conduct Committee," said Branham.

The SCC's records cannot be checked for confirmation; the identity of students involved in SCC cases cannot be disclosed.

n Students

Amongst themselves, students were also responsible for miscommunication and misunderstandings. Many students are unclear as to how the vigil on the library terrace Tuesday evening became a demonstration in front of the president's residence. Others did not agree with the "mob mentality" of the crowd on Harvard's lawn. Few students seemed aware that President Harvard was not yet informed of the incidents and formal charges of sexual violence.

Due to a lack of time for preparation, the purpose and goals of the Wednesday evening forum were also unclear to many. Was it meant to raise awareness? To attack the administration? To effect immediate change in college policy? To simply answer questions? There was no clear answer available.

The descent of the state and national media was no help to students' understanding of the situation, either. As the campus became frantic with worry, frustration, and confusion, rumors spread and grew and the truth, for many students, was nowhere to be found.

What the student body wishes for, what the administration, security, and the health center desire as well, is for proper channels of communication to be accessible to the entire Bates College community.

Lessons learned?

Sexual assault at Bates in the 90s

By TINA IYER

Features Editor

Current Bates students were still in high school the last time that the college was under media and student siege over issues of sexual violence. It is only now, with the recent events on campus, that the concerns of 1991 - 1992 have been raised once more.

News broadcasts of the today's situation have not been complete without at least a cursory reference to the accusations leveled at the administration more than six years ago.

But such remarks have only led to more student confusion. Does Bates have a history of mishandling issues of sexual assault and rape?

In November of 1991, an unreported number of female students went before the Student Conduct Committee to charge one male student with various cases of sexual violence. He was found guilty of rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment, and expelled.

The furor surrounding the case was caused by both campus and Lewiston community concerns that the college had erred in handling the issue internally.

One vocal critic of Bates' administration was Lewiston's mayor at the time, James Howanec, who was reported to have been distressed by the college's decision to deal with the matter internally rather than reporting the cases.

Then as now, the deans of students maintain that their decision was based upon protecting the wishes and confidentiality of the students involved.

There were other concerns involving the college's rape policy as well as frustration with the SCC process in the early 1990's.

Both rape policy and SCC process were addressed and changed accordingly.

The concerns of today are similar in that the administration is accused of mishandling the incidents, but with the changes in rape policy and SCC process, the issues are in themselves different.

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about policy and process.

After an hour of answering questions, all members of the SCC were asked to leave because the second part of the forum was to include discussions of issues which may affect cases pending before the SCC.

Once the SCC members left, many students came forward to tell their stories. Throughout the chapel, many students were crying and clapping in support and admiration those who spoke.

At the end of the forum, some students came forward to apologize to the survivors for their part in Tuesday night's mob-protest.

"I was apologizing to the survivors because I didn't take into account their emotions, but was only thinking of the larger issue," said Inchaustegui. He made

clear that he was not apologizing to the administration "because it was constructive, it led to [the things that happened on Wednesday.] I do feel that Tuesday night was a perfect example of emotionally charged individuals getting together and demanding justice in an irrational fashion."

Reactions to the forum were varied.

One student, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "Overall, I don't think it [the forum] was handled all that well."

Director of Multicultural Affairs Czerny Brasuell felt that the forum was a

"voyeuristic process" that did not deal with the reality of the survivor's pain or the consequences of sharing their experiences.

On the other side, many felt that the forum was constructive.

Katie Wepplo '00 said "I thought it was handled really well. The focus was on the issues, not just directing anger at the administration."

"I left with a sense of how large and impacting the range of cases from sexual harassment to rape ... are

on people's lives," said Associate Dean of Students James Reese. "The whole administration was moved by the presentations and admired the courageousness [of those who told their stories]."

"I thought that the personal testimonies were powerful and almost unbearable," said Branham.

■ Wednesday midnight — another candlelight vigil

This particular chain of events ended at midnight with another candlelight vigil. This vigil took place on the steps of Hathorn Hall and was silent. Students lit candles and stood together, remembering what had happened and reflecting on the impact of sexual violence in their lives. As the vigil ended, a somber mood prevailed as students returned to their rooms with the knowledge that their bubble was, for the time being, burst.

"I was apologizing to the survivors because I didn't take into account their emotions ..."

Marino Inchaustegui '98

Bates College

Office of the Dean of Students

TO The Bates Community

FM: The Office of the Dean of Students

DT: March 25, 1998

We write to address the rumors and incomplete information circulating on campus concerning allegations of rape and the College's handling of those allegations. Our response must necessarily be restricted by protecting the confidentiality of the individuals involved.

This past Monday, March 23, 1998, three female students brought forward formal charges against a male student for sexual harassment and sexual assault. None of these cases involved a charge of rape. Following extensive discussion with the Dean of Students' Office, and following the students' full agreement, a Student Conduct Committee Hearing was scheduled. We will expedite this hearing; however, it will be scheduled in a way to assure due process and will be organized in compliance with the procedures outlined in the *Student Handbook*.

On Tuesday, March 24, a fourth female student came to the Dean of Students' Office to discuss whether to bring forward a separate charge of rape. Following counsel of the options available, and arranging medical attention for the student, she requested additional time to make a decision. To date (Wednesday morning), no formal charge of rape has been made. However, to protect the safety of all members of the campus community, the individual accused will be removed from campus today.

Two additional students brought formal charges of sexual assault on Saturday, March 21, against a different male student. On Tuesday, March 24, these cases were scheduled for Student Conduct Committee review next week.

Finally, it has come to our attention that there was confusion about the confidential rape and sexual assault reporting system at the Health Center. We want to reassure students that report forms have been and continue to be available twenty-four hours a day in the Health Center while the College is in session. We regret any confusion that may have occurred Tuesday evening and have asked the Director of the Health Center to address the issue immediately. We urge students to use this system.

RA considers changing name, number of student representatives

By MATT EPSTEIN
Staff Writer

Student government reform was on the table for the last time this year as the Representative Assembly discussed ideas for improvement Monday night.

The major issue under consideration was how to keep members from quitting after they have attended a few meetings, which was a chronic problem this year.

Several students proposed to reduce the number of meetings per month. However, others felt that this would make the problem worse by increasing the amount of business that would have to be dealt with at each meeting.

The idea to decrease the number of students per dorm representative was rejected because there are not currently enough people willing to serve, so that re-

ducing the pool of constituents for each representative to be picked from would not draw any new members.

One proposal was to appoint members to inform their own class peers of issues pertinent to each year. However, the idea was considered un-egalitarian, as many common issues are repeated from class to class.

A change of name for the RA was considered but the "kick ass fun club" had little support. Choosing a new name was considered to be an unsubstantial change that would only further decrease the RA's credibility with the student body.

The Executive Board will propose changes on Monday, March 30, for the body to consider. They will also announce the final budget at this time. Although the preliminary budget was completed last weekend it was not released to The Student for reasons of confidentiality.

"Africa Peace Tour" to visit college

As part of its visit to New England an "Africa Peace Tour" sponsored by The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), will make a stop at Bates College Wednesday, April 1, at 4 p.m. in the Muskie Archives.

Organized to promote citizen action on U.S. foreign policy toward Africa and timed to coincide with President Clinton's March 22 and April 2 visit to the African nations of Ghana, Uganda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal, AFSC tour will be launched March 20 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and end April 8.

A team of African activists and artists will make 35 stops in area communities and on university campuses. Tour participants will explore many of the same issues addressed by Clinton during his trip, including U.S. policy toward slavery practices in Mauritania and the transfer of arms to Af-

rica.

The Africa Peace Tour features speakers who reflect the continent's diversity, including Mahfoud Bennoun, an Algerian professor; Rebecca Wakuteka, a political songwriter from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Bakary Tandia, a human rights activist from Mauritania; and Miriam Hussein, a Somali human rights activist.

"The continuing flow of arms, supplied by the U.S. government to Africa is a very disturbing policy," said Jerry Herman, Africa program coordinator for the AFSC peace education division. "... this policy must change, and the Africa Peace Tour creates an opportunity to engage citizens in discussions on how they can affect this country's policies on this and other issues relating to Africa."

Library prepares for summer renovations

By CHANDLOR CHAN
Staff Writer

Ladd library is closing for renovations and repairs on May 26, 1998, the day after commencement. The library will stay closed until work is completed in mid- to late August.

Some of the changes on the main floor of the library will include a new periodicals area, a new reading room/photocopier room on the current balcony area, and new power and data connections for selected desks.

Alterations to the ground floor will include a relocation of book stacks and seating in the social sciences, science, government documents and art and music areas.

This will include new seating and facilities for oversized materials in the Coram stacks. Additionally, two new group study rooms and a new microfilms area will be added. will be provided for the Coram stacks. Power and data connections will be installed for selected seats and a new carpet will be rolled out.

On the third floor, 22 individual study areas will be replaced by fifty new user seats.

New lighting systems will also be installed. There will also be two new study rooms, a renovated large lounge, and newly built book stacks. In addition, the third floor will receive new carpeting.

On all floors of the library new fire alarms and smoke and sprinkler systems will be added. The air handling systems will be augmented with improved controls.

Students who need library resources over the summer can use either the Bowdoin or Colby libraries. Books and other materials can be arranged for check out during the summer if requests are made in advance. Electronic services will stay open and the library staff will be working regular hours. The library staff will be available by phone for questions.

The completion of this summer's library renovations will mark the end of the second library renovation stage. There are a total of three renovations; the final renovations occurring during the summer of 1999.

The total cost of last summer's renovations exceeded a total of \$1.3 million. The cost for this summer's renovations are unavailable.

Founder's Day 1998 convocation cancelled

By MATT EPSTEIN
Staff Writer

Bates College will not be holding a Founder's Day convocation this spring because it was unable to obtain a speaker.

President Harward said that the college had been trying to schedule two "world class" female speakers, though he declined to say who he had in mind. There has never been a female speaker at the spring convocation despite attempts in the past two years.

Last year Maya Angelou was scheduled, however, she was unable to appear due to illness.

When neither of this year's selections could make the appearance, it was decided to cancel the event, which is not necessarily annual anyway. The rationale was that Bates will not accept anything less than the best speakers for this event.

The search is currently on for a 1999 Founder's Day speaker. President Harward wants the event to occur next year.

The Needle: *Breaking the Bates Bubble*

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■ **Europe** — The Commission recommends eleven countries for the United Europe

Eleven countries for the United Europe were recommended for the European Commission to launch the Euro on January first, 1999. According to the Commission Germany, Belgium, Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Portugal satisfy the Maastricht criteria for the united monetary unit.

Great-Britain and Denmark made it known that they do not wish to participate in the Euro for 1999 and Switzerland has not satisfied the criteria for the last two years and does not wish to participate in the Euro.

Greece has not yet fulfilled certain of the criteria due to a public deficit. Athens announced its intention to join by 2001.

As for Italy, considered for a long time unable to respect the economic performance delineated in the Maastricht treaty, she finally convinced the Commission and its European partners.

The chiefs of state of the governments

must confirm their participation by May 2 as a date for the first Commission summit.

■ **India** — Cyclone

A cyclone caused 120 deaths, 500 missing, and 1,100 hurt in the Indian States of Orissa and West Bengal.

At Goborghata, in Orissa, it provoked the collapse of a school, killing thirty-five students and teachers.

The cyclone came from the Bay of Bengal, accompanied by winds from 160 to 180 km/h and torrential rains and swept over the Gange Delta. It caused 28 deaths and wounded 100 and important damage to Bangladesh.

■ **Antarctica** — Earthquake

An earthquake with an 8.0 magnitude on the Richter Scale hit an uninhabited zone of Antarctica.

The seismicity took place around the Balleny Islands on the Antarctic Circle about 300 km north of the Antarctic shore. "It is the most important earthquake registered in the world since the first of the year but we do not think it caused any damage because nobody was there," declared seismologist Kevin McCue.

In Strasbourg, France, the French seismic report announced, soon before the event, an underwater earthquake of an 8.4 magnitude on the Richter Scale last Wednesday in the Macquarie Island region (south-east of Australia).

■ **USA: Arkansas** — Arkansas in a state of shock.

Two boys, under 12, armed to the teeth, opened fire, last Tuesday, on teachers and students at a school in Jonesboro, southern Arkansas, killing four girls and one teacher.

Six wounded are still hospitalised — five students and one teacher — two are in critical condition. Four others have already left the hospital.

In total, fifteen people were shot by the two boys at the West Side school before the boys were arrested.

The had, apparently, carefully planned their attack and began to shoot when the students exited the building that afternoon because of a false fire alarm.

"One student was inside, and pulled the fire alarm," explained police, "When the students exited the opened fire from some bushes." Twenty shots were fired.

AIDS talks to be given at Bates

Dr. Bruce D. Dorsey of Merck Research Laboratories will give two lectures about AIDS Monday, March 30, at Bates College. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Under the auspices of The Bates College Merck Fellowship Program in Biology and Chemistry, Dorsey will discuss "The Invention and Development of CRIVAN: An HIV Protease Inhibitor" at 4 p.m. in Room 204 of Carnegie Science Hall.

He will deliver his second lecture of the day, "AIDS Therapy: The Power of Combination Treatments," at 7 p.m. in Chase Hall Lounge. Geared more toward a general audience, this second talk will address the increased effectiveness of anti-HIV and anti-AIDS drugs when used together.

Dorsey is part of the Merck research team that developed CRIVAN, an effective drug in the protease inhibitor class used to combat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

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U-Wire: College news from around the country

Alleged financial aid scam may refund money

By LOUIS C. HOCHMAN
Daily Targum (Rutgers U.)

Students nationwide who accused a Manhattan-based scholarship-search company of fraud may be entitled to full refunds following a settlement between the company and New York.

John Brugel, University director of financial aid, said the number of Rutgers students affected by this settlement is not known.

Brugel said he hopes University students that were defrauded by this venture come forward to the University's financial aid office.

On February 2, New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco reached a settlement with Impressions and Gifts Inc., also known as Academic Investment Money, requiring the company to refund all students who file written complaints with the Attorney General's Office by May 1.

Vacco alleged in May 1996 that AIM made false promises to customers, guaranteeing financial aid the company could not deliver.

AIM's principle owners, Eric and Devjani Terwilliger, could not be reached for comment yesterday. There was no listing of the organization's phone number in New York City, and the owners' phone numbers were not listed.

"Unfortunately, many students who paid AIM for its services did not receive the grants or scholarships as promised and could not get their money back," Vacco said.

Students, who file complaints and can show proper documentation of patronizing

the company, will receive full refunds of between \$70 and \$100, David Corvette, a spokesperson for the New York Attorney General's Office, said.

About 255 high school and college students have filed complaints with the office so far, Corvette said.

AIM will have to pay \$30,000 to the state in penalties and reimbursements for the cost of the investigation.

Corvette said by agreeing to the settlement, AIM does not admit to any wrongdoing.

The investigation of AIM had been part of a larger sweep by the Federal Trade Commission of similar fraud cases called ScholarScam.

Brugel said he had seen a number of similar scams on campus in previous years, but fewer were active at the University this year.

He said the drop was likely because of legal pressure from local and federal authorities.

The FTC, as part of ScholarScam, has fired charges in federal district court against five companies that are alleged to have engaged in fraudulent or deceptive scholarship schemes.

"They were promising grants they couldn't deliver and giving useless information to their customers," Brugel said.

According to its Web site, the Federal Trade Commission warns students to be suspicious of any scholarship-finding organizations that charge fees or make guarantees.

The FTC also warns against programs that do not offer contact information or make requests for personal information.

Barnes & Noble carries books implicated in child porn suit

By ERIK JOHNSON
Yale Daily News (Yale U.)

The Yale Bookstore, like other stores owned and operated by national book retailer Barnes & Noble, carries two books currently implicated in a child pornography lawsuit.

A grand jury in Alabama recently indicted Barnes & Noble for allegedly violating state pornography laws by selling copies of Jock Sturges' "Radiant Identities" and David Hamilton's "Age of Innocence." Both books are collections of photographs which contain many pictures of nude children.

If convicted, Barnes & Noble will pay up to \$320,000 in fines to the Alabama state government.

Barnes & Noble also faces less serious obscenity charges in Tennessee for allegedly placing unwrapped copies of these two books on low shelves where children could reach them. The bookseller has pleaded not guilty to these charges.

"We ask that our customers respect our right to bring to the American public the widest selection of titles and ideas," said Barnes & Noble Senior Vice President Mary Ellen Keating in an official statement.

Yale Bookstore President Gary Spearow said he could not release sales information. But he did say the Bookstore had ordered copies of both books. Neither "Radiant Identities" nor "Age of Innocence" are currently available on the Bookstore's shelves, but students can order either book through the store for \$40 apiece.

"I have received absolutely zero feedback about these books," Spearow said.

But many Yale students challenge Barnes & Noble's right to market the two books.

"I think we have child pornography laws for a reason, and I don't think it's appropriate for Barnes & Noble to be selling books like that," Andi Cook '00 said.

Holland Sullivan '01 agreed. He said he gives Barnes & Noble "two thumbs way the hell down."

Over 40 protests have occurred at Barnes & Noble bookstores across the country in the last two months. Randall Terry, a pro-life activist and conservative radio show host, spearheaded the demonstrations.

Terry told the New York Times he heads a loosely organized group of Christian activists whose stated goal is to "obliterate child pornography."

But photographers Sturges and Hamilton claim their books are not intended as pornography.

"My work is recognized as fine art," said Sturges in a CNN interview.

Sturges' book features photographs of nude children in family groups and in symbolic poses intended to recall portrayals of Jesus Christ's Crucifixion.

"I think the lawsuit is ludicrous," Kenyon Harbison '00 said. "I think it's telling that charges have only been filed in Alabama and Tennessee."

Sales of the books have increased significantly since the indictment, according to reports in The New York Times.

Barnes & Noble competitors B. Dalton and Borders also carry the books, but no prosecutors have filed charges against these retailers.

Proposed changes to Higher Education Act criticized

By LISA M. REGELMAN
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

Following the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce mark-up of the Higher Education Act of 1965 last week, partisan opposition is mounting in regards to the future of the nation's student-aid programs.

The goal of the Higher Education Act is to improve the quality of higher education, including easing college affordability and access to student loans. The Committee passed the reauthorized Act Thursday by a 38-3 vote.

The most significant issue facing the Committee was determining interest rates for student-loans, both direct-government loans and guaranteed loans provided by private lenders.

The reauthorization combined President Clinton's February 25 proposal of lowering interest rates on direct loans by about one percent and a government-subsidized guaranteed-loan program, increasing the interest rate private lenders could charge. The program was designed in response to lenders' complaints of lower profits and the threat of departure from the lending program.

In a press release Thursday, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said the proposed program undermines the government's loan program and wastes federal monies which could be used for improving education.

"Taxpayer dollars can be better spent getting more teachers in classrooms [and] modernizing schools," the release said. "The lenders need to make adequate profits, but the [Clinton] Administration estimates that the Committee's decision will pay banks more than necessary, costing taxpayers about \$2.7 billion."

But Larry Gladieux, College Board executive director for policy research, said the Committee is taking advantage of the budget surplus to help the student-aid program.

The College Board is a national educational organization known for administering the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"Because of the budget surpluses, some of the budget pressure is off, [creating] a cushion for everybody," Gladieux said. "It sounds like a nice way out for the Committee."

Committee Director of Communications Jay Diskey said the administration has

been playing political games with the student-loan program, and Riley's critical comments came too late.

"The Administration had plenty of opportunity to speak up [about student-loan interest rates] all through the mark-up," Diskey said. "Leave it to this administration to wait."

Diskey said Clinton needs to focus on the issue of helping students, and is being distracted by partisan politics.

The administration's "goal is for the guaranteed student-loan program to go out of business. It believes the direct-loan program works. We don't," he said. Clinton "shouldn't be playing politics with this issue."

Clinton's 1993 presidential campaign emphasized the restructuring of student-aid programs. His original proposal called for phasing out and eventually eliminating the guaranteed-loan program. He has adjusted that proposal to creating a balance between direct and guaranteed loans.

"The Republicans are suspicious of the administration trying to go to 100 percent direct loans, and the Administration is suspicious of lending institutions trying to get rid of direct loans," Gladieux said.

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Sexual assault 101: what to do and when

It's no surprise to this author that we neither know our resources nor our insensitivities to these issues

By JENNINGS BRODY
Staff Writer

I address this editorial to the entire Bates community. Sexual assault happens at Bates. It has happened for the four years that I have been here, it happened before I got here, and it will happen when I leave here. The events of the last month have led me to an alarming realization: we are not only a campus drenched in apathy, but also one which appears ignorant of the realities of sexual assault and the resources available to survivors. I am not going to focus on the disgusting reality of the administration's disregard of this fact, or that we as a collective student body are not sensitive to the realities of rape.

Instead I am going to focus on what it is that you are to do if this happens to you or someone you know. Here are some of the facts about sexual assault that you may have forgotten or that Bates may never have told you.

Fact: Sexual assault is more common than lefthandedness, heart attacks, and alcoholism put together.

Fact: Sexual assault is increasing 4

times faster than any other major crime.

Fact: 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men will be the victim of a sexual assault in his/her lifetime.

Fact: 1 in 4 college women have already been the victim of rape or attempted rape.

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Fact: Approximately 80 percent of all rapes are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

Fact: A forcible rape occurs in the state of Maine every 38 hours.

Fact: The false reporting rate for sexual assault is less than two percent.

Fact: You need medical attention after a sexual assault.

I realize that many have lost faith in the on-campus options, so here are

your options for medical attention, legal action, and counseling in the Lewiston-Auburn area:

(1) You can have a rape evidence collection exam at Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) (phone: 795-2200 emergency room). If you go to the hospital, you do not have to talk to the police or press charges. Although you may not have visible cuts or bruising you may have internal injuries. If it is at all possible, do not shower or change

your clothing following an assault (if you do change, bring the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault to the hospital).

You would be amazed at how much physical evidence from the perpetrator can be obtained from various articles of your clothing. There is something called a statute of limitations in the state of Maine. This allows evidence to be kept for a period of six months (in Lewiston) while you decide if you want to press charges.

You need to be tested for pregnancy, STDs and HIV. The morning-after pill is available both at the hospital and also at the Bates College Health Center.

(2) You can also get the tested for STDs and HIV at the STD Clinic in Auburn (One Auburn Center, Auburn, ME (directly across the street from Austin's; phone: 795-4019). The clinic provides confidential and anonymous testing - they also provide counseling (even if you are disease-free). Payment is based on your individual financial status. An appointment is necessary for HIV testing, but there are walk-in hours for STD testing on Monday and Thursday from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

(3) You may also make a statement to

the police with or without pressing charges (Lewiston Police Department phone: 784-3995).

(4) You can make a phone call to the Sexual Assault Crisis Center (SACC) of Lewiston-Auburn's crisis hotline (795-2211). Hotline advocates are available 24 hours a day and cannot repeat what you say to them to anyone, they cannot say who you are - for that matter they don't know who you are.

Here's what SACC do: answer questions, go to the hospital with you, go to the police station with you, go to court with you, give you information on support groups and counselors, and in general help you figure out what you need to take care of yourself.

If you are a victim there is some-

thing that you always need to remember, TAKE CARE OF YOUR NEEDS. Figure out what you need to get through the experience.

I am making a promise to this campus that by the end of short term 1998 I will publish new pamphlets of information for the Bates student body. I also promise to do whatever I can to change the system here, but, more importantly, to educate this campus.

If you are a victim there is something that you always need to remember, TAKE CARE OF YOUR NEEDS. Figure out what you need to get through the experience.

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Bates community both shocked and touched by power of survivor's stories.

Keri Fox '98



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Billy McEvila '99



Becomes NCAA Division III champion in 35lb. weight throw by winning at nationals.

Bates Student Softball Team



Preseason short-term favorites to win I.M. championship.

Editorial

The Bates campus is, once again, in a state of crisis about sex and safety.

Unlike last fall's controversy over student activism related to sexual orientation, this week's upheaval is related to sex crimes against women on campus.

Reported sex crimes from 1991-92 show that history has repeated itself on the Bates campus. And once again, the results are nasty.

One need not have to be a policy wonk to realize that sex crimes are what make scandals. And this scandal is not just revolting, it's dangerous.

It is infuriating that the interest of survivors was lost when a midnight vigil fired up the emotions of students who proceeded to storm the president's house early Wednesday morning. We fear that the mob's insensitivity and lack of consideration pressured, not protected, the survivors connected with the allegations. It also threatened one accused student's safety and disrespected the president.

While we believe that many of the 300 students involved in these activities had good intentions, their actions on behalf of the survivors and the student body as a whole were more reactive than

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The actions of the mob led to one of the accused fleeing the college. We wonder: Did this serve justice? Did these actions protect the interests and safety of the survivors?

Unlike the National Coming Out Day/Weekend fiasco last October that barely drew any solicited media attention, student activism surrounding the recent sexual assault and rape allegations against two male students has drawn an embarrassing local and national media circus that has gotten some of the facts right, but many of them wrong. Not only is this a misrepresentation of the events to the people outside of Bates, it is also, and perhaps more disturbingly, a disservice to confused members of the Bates community.

The events and fallout of the past few days are appalling not just for the crimes they represent but also for the assumptions they are largely based on.

As a community, we must be advocates for justice and fairness, supporting survivors no matter what course of action they choose to take. Both community insiders and outsiders have a responsibility to respect these choices, whatever they are, and to dispel rumors surrounding the highly confidential and excruciating situation at hand.

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Writer outraged at Tue mob

Writer indicates rampant irresponsibility, insensitivity of mob action

To the Editor:

I saw the angry mob assemble around the president's house. I heard their chants, calls and demands. I witnessed that familiar bunch who have made a career out of hunting for a conspiracy or injustice scream into the night. I saw those who knew little more than innuendo and rumor politicize that which should never be politicized. However, the most devastating sight I saw was the look of terror in the eyes of a victim of sexual assault.

Only a few days prior to the mob, this had begun for her. She had decided that she could bear it no longer; she would bring forth the charge of sexual assault. She has not had an easy day or a restful night since. The deans of students, primarily Dean Branham and Dean Ludden, had acted with compassion and support. They protected her anonymity, shielding her from unwanted and unnecessary scrutiny. Without bias or pressure they explained her options in full detail. She was, and is, in the best of hands. She felt comfortable sharing that which is the most powerful and personal parts of her life with the deans when she couldn't even bring herself to share them with her loved ones at home. She felt the support she needed to make it through the day, and the strength necessary to go forward with her claims.

Then the mob assembled. I watched the usual suspects whip the lemmings (nearly all without any first-hand knowledge of the events) into a frenzy. She was terrified that her anonymity was gone, that there was a leak or break in confidentiality. She shut the windows, not wanting to hear any more, but it was unavoidable. She repeatedly cried out: "This is not their rage ... This is not their reality."

When, if ever, will the professional protestors of Bates learn that, surprise-surprise, there are some aspects of this college which are not sinister, ill-conceived and misinformed? When will they learn that some things are not best handled by brutish behavior? Do they know that they have placed the victims under the microscope, not the perpetrators? Do they care, or is their sole motivation simply to add another aspect to their personal agendas? How can they claim to be well informed when, if they were, they would not have done what they did, when they did it?

Perhaps the biggest concern is that her case may be jeopardized. The striking im-

Editor's Note: Due to the sensitive nature of the subject and the possible ramifications of disclosing the identity of the author, The Bates Student has chosen to honor the author's request for anonymity.

A clarification on student art

To the Editor,

Parker Agelasto is a great supporter of the visual arts at Bates, but he should have checked the facts in his March 13, 1998, article about student art exhibits. The museum has always maintained a two-month period for the Annual Senior Exhibition; never just two weeks. Every exhibit at the museum is shown for two months, reflecting the equal weight given to student and non-student art. Additionally, the museum applies a significant portion of its operating budget to the expenses of this exhibition, showing its commitment to seniors graduating with a B.A. in art, with a studio emphasis.

age of television crews, reporters and onlookers must have some sort of impact on those who will hear these cases. Will their objectivity be swayed in one direction or another? Is there any way it couldn't be? I hope not. I know that, regardless of what others may think, the SCC is a collection of well-intentioned and fair people. I know that they seek to do what is right by those involved, and ultimately the student body at large. I have faith that the process will go forth fairly, in spite of the actions of those who have the audacity to claim that the most personal of assaults should be more widely reported.

The simple truth is that these types of assaults, due to their personal and demoralizing nature, cannot be more widely reported. The victims of these assaults need to have time to heal and collect themselves. They need the anonymity and secrecy to try and put their lives in order. They also know that their attacker may bring retribution upon them for coming forward. A reporting system, which would give names of alleged offenders, locations, and/or times of the assaults, would provide clues to the sexual

predators that these women are coming forward. This might give the predators the chance to intimidate, threaten and possibly harm them. The present system by which Bates College operates allows victims to come forward without these fears.

Obviously, as a man I cannot claim to fully understand the impact this has upon a woman who has been sexually assaulted. I can say, however, that the actions of that misguided mob may have done more harm than good.

With such an extraordinary number of women coming forward at this time, they need support and encouragement. The last thing they need is to be confronted by a nosy news crew, and to fear that their anonymity has been or will be compromised. The actions of frenzied students has shifted the attention of the campus towards the women who are leveling these charges. The outcomes of these cases will be discussed, reviewed and debated. All she wanted to do was to be able to walk away from this knowing that she did what was right, and that she could do so without fear of being made public. Now I wonder if she can. I hope those self-indulgent bastards are happy. Is this what you really wanted?

Sincerely,
Anonymous

Sincerely,
Genetta McLean
Director, Bates College Museum of Art

Do you know who you can call if you're a survivor of sexual assault?

Sexual assault resources by telephone

On-Campus

**Sexual Assault Response Line (SARL) x7275 or
(Student advisors) 786-6199**

Dean of Students Office 786-6219

The Bates Health Center 786-6199

Campus Security 786-6254

Community Relations Council 786-6031

**(Student, faculty, staff advisors; Joanna Lee,
convenor)**

College Chaplain 786-8272

Off-Campus

**Sexual Assault Crisis Center 795-2211 (serving
Lewiston and Auburn)**

Lewiston Police Department 784-6421

Central Maine Medical Center 795-0111

Features

Bates students are teaching for America

Alumni and soon-to-be graduates can make a difference through educating where it really counts

By TUCK O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Tim Stokes '97 leaves his New York apartment every morning around 6:30 a.m. and heads to Community School 44 (CS 44), where he has been placed for his two-year stint as a creative writing teacher.

CS 44 is located in the South Bronx in a community in which 94 percent of the families are at or below the poverty line. Children who attend CS 44 come mainly from two housing projects and a few long-term shelters; almost 100 percent of his students are on the free lunch program which provides breakfast and lunch to students who otherwise could not afford these meals.

What is Stokes doing at CS 44? He's a member of Teach for America's New York City Corp and is one of 140 college grads placed by Teach for America in the five New York boroughs.

Teach for America is a program for those who feel education should be a priority and is designed for those who normally might not have gone into teaching. It does not actively recruit education majors.

On a normal day (if there is such a

a week after school.

He usually works an 11-hour day.

Stokes is very busy and his days are hectic. Although he loves his job, he recognizes the difficulties of his position.

"It takes a ton of energy and motivation," he said. "The kids can get pretty crazy. I came in with a very laid-back attitude and have had to learn to be more aggressive. In the beginning they definitely took advantage. I had really high expectations of the kids sitting quietly with their hands folded, but because I see them so infrequently I had to learn that was not going to happen."

Stokes added, "It's not an easy job by any stretch. For one, it's a completely different culture [than his own background]. Also, you can have a day with six classes, five of them will go great, but in the sixth the kids will be running around, swearing, won't pay any attention to you, and it will ruin your day."

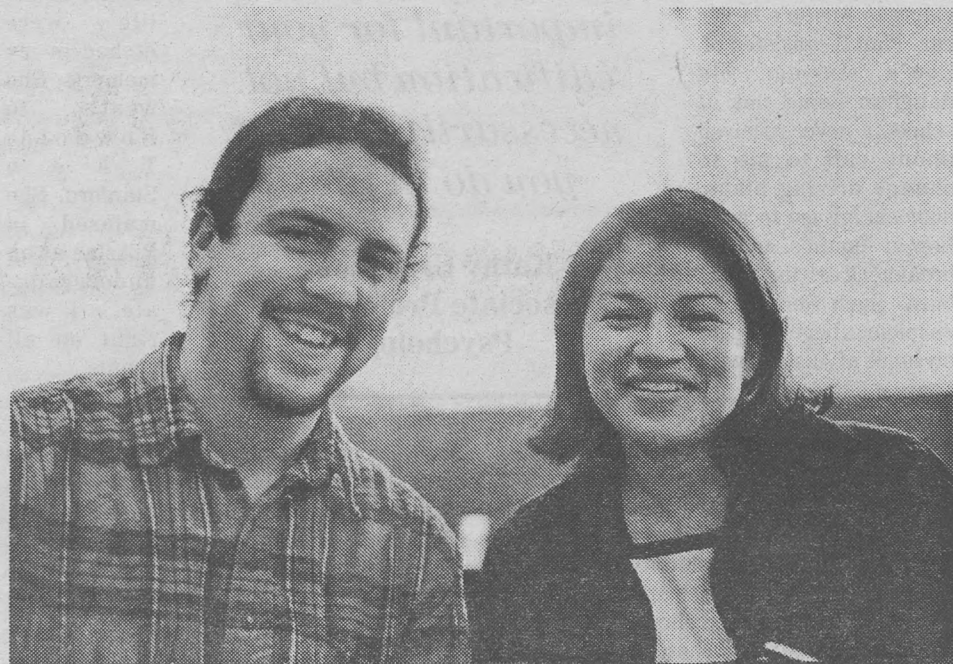
One thing Stokes loves is that Teach for America offers him an extremely active way to learn as compared to the way students learn in college. For Stokes, this is because, "you are there and it's not theory; it's reality. There is always plenty to do and it comes right to you."

Teach for America was founded by Wendy Kopp in 1989 during her senior year at Princeton. She envisioned the program as a way to help change the lives of underserved students across the nation and "shape the priorities of a generation of future leaders."

Eight years later, Teach for America has 500 teachers at 440 different schools teaching under-resourced students in both urban and rural districts in such places as New York, New Orleans, Phoenix, Arkansas, Southern Louisiana, and North Carolina. According to Teach for America, its mission has remained pretty much the same - to strive towards a day when "all the children in this country will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education."

The program starts each summer with an intensive training session in Houston. Corps members work with alumni and experienced educators in order to learn and develop an understanding of the mission of the program through practical in-class experience as well as workshops and lectures. Stokes described it as five weeks of eating, sleeping, and breathing Teach for America.

Corps members are also able to meet each other and develop connections before heading off to their respective assignments. There are usually two members placed in



David Seegal '98 and Mya Germaine '98, the newest additions to the Teach for America corps.

Erin Mullin photo

each school. From then on, teachers are pretty much on their own, although there are regional conferences and workshops that provide an opportunity to share successes and failures and to bounce ideas off other teachers.

The application process is fairly competitive; each year the New York headquarters receives about 3,000 applications for 250 spots. The staff of Teach for America attempts every year to build a corps that is both qualified and diverse.

Diversity is a key element of the program's philosophy. The program hopes that tomorrow's leaders will come from "a broad array of communities that make up this nation."

Teach for America looks for leadership skills, initiative, and community involvement. A typical interview question might be, "In the inner cities there is a turn over rate of one to four teachers who want out after a couple months; what makes you different?"

Mya Germaine and Dave Seegal are both graduating seniors who have been accepted into the program for next year. They are anxiously awaiting placement; they will hear about it early next week. Although interviewees are asked to be flexible because placement depends on the district's needs and resources, both students are looking for placement in an urban district.

Seegal wants to teach younger children because he said he feels that there "is so much you can do." He wanted to teach after graduation but was not certified, making

Teach for America a perfect fit.

Germaine wants to work in a bilingual class setting so that she can use her Spanish skills. She was first attracted to the Corps because she believes it would be an, "ideal way to become a role model for Latino students, which is a void, something I haven't had throughout my education."

Both admit that it's going to be tough despite their enthusiasm and excitement. "It's your first time teaching - you have a lot to learn, especially in the first year. You can't go in thinking you know how things should go," said Seegal.

Germaine pointed out that, "Many children have difficult issues at home that they will be dealing with. I anticipate that when students act up it will be because of these issues. This sounds idealistic, but I want to regenerate their energy into a positive."

The application for 1999 is rolling from January until March of next year. Applications are available through the Office of Career Services. The program requires a two year commitment and flexibility with regard to placement.

Corps members are on salary at their respective schools and are also eligible for Americorp education grants, which can be used to pay off loans or to take classes. Teachers are also eligible for deferment and partial cancellation of their Perkins and Stafford Loans.

Those interested in the corps can visit Teach for America's web site at www.teachforamerica.org.

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thing for an elementary school teacher) Stokes teaches six classes of creative writing to students from kindergarten through sixth grade. His student profile varies a great deal - from special education to bilingual classes to classes where he cannot even get his students to even sit down. He is what is referred to as a cluster teacher, much like an art or music instructor, who moves around from class to class meeting with each section two or three times a week.

Besides teaching, Stokes has started a monthly school newspaper written by his sixth graders and a literary magazine for students' poems, stories and drawings. He also coaches an after school basketball program. On top of that, Stokes teaches reading to first graders who need help two days

The Features section needs an editor for short term (I'm going to California). Anyone interested in easy money (!?!) and masochism should contact Tina at tiyer@abacus.bates.edu. Trust me, it's worth the ride.

Lunch at Austin's with Kathy Graff Low

Associate Professor of Psychology Kathy Low is a woman of all trades and many interests

By TINA IYER
Features Editor

When Plan A doesn't work, always opt for Plan B. Plan A for lunch with Associate Professor of Psychology Kathy Graff Low involved meeting at her office and riding to Austin's in her car. Plan B consisted of Low's six-year old daughter being sick at school, a never-received phone call to me to change driving plans, door asking me to meet Low at Austin's, and my breakneck driving to Auburn. Such were the inauspicious beginnings to my lunch at Austin's with Low.

Low had arrived before I did, and was comfortably seated at a front room table with the newspaper and a cup of decaf. Perhaps recognizing me from my harried look and confusion, she called out to me to sit down. We ordered our food (half a curried chicken sandwich and potato chips for her, a bowl of the excellent curried corn "chowda" for me), and chatted about Low's ailing daughter. Apparently, Low was able to convince her sniffly youngster that if she

wanted to stay at school for recess, she could probably stay for the rest of the day.

I explained to Low that I remembered her from my first-year orientation; I was surprised by how well the details of her life were etched in my memory. She went to Bowdoin. Then Stanford. She majored in Russian as an undergraduate. I was right on all counts.

Low is a fixture at first-year orientations because she is living proof that "what you do as an undergraduate is important for your edification but not necessarily to what you do in life," said Low. Her life has been an odd path of twists and turns; in college, "I was hard-working but not directed," explained Low.

A Russian and European history major at Bowdoin who was also premed, Low recognized that of central interest to her in

her studies was people. In that way, she found a connection between history and psychology. Low grew up in a very service oriented family, and knew after college that she wanted to pursue a career of service.

A high school chemistry teacher for seven years, Low found herself "doing a lot of informal therapy." She wanted to educate herself to be able to better help others, and while she concedes that many careers may have made her happy, she is pleased with the choices that she made.

A specialist in clinical health psychology and issues of women's health, Low is a licensed therapist as well. The application of her skills and knowledge has always been important for her, and she made a conscious decision to not pursue research and to teach instead.

A teaching assistant at Stanford, Low knew that she had "romanticized views of small colleges," and was glad to be able to find a position at Bates where she could teach undergraduates in their "formative" years.

The psychology department is both blessed and burdened by being one of the most popular departments at Bates. In the

past, this led to large classes; now, it leads to limited enrollment and frustrates students.

Low, who has been teaching at Bates for seven years, had a 200 level class her second year with 165 students. She had designed the class for 50 students and found

herself greatly overburdened. For Low, such huge classes led to her own questioning of whether or not she could offer a quality education to the students in her classes.

The psychology department has

now limited the enrollment for many of their classes, and while "we would like students to be able to take what they want to," Low knows that limited enrollment has nonetheless eased some of the stress of her and her colleagues. The department has dealt with constant tension and struggle over the years because of its popularity, but "the college has been very responsive."

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Kathy Graff Low,
Associate Professor of
Psychology

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Maine People's Alliance promotes issues of social and economic justice

By SARAH WALKER
Staff Writer

For those who are interested in bursting out of the infamous "bubble" that many at Bates feel they live in, in order to explore what is outside of Bates in the areas of social and economic justice, a great opportunity is available to students through the Maine People's Alliance (MPA). MPA is a Portland based non-profit group geared towards organizing Maine citizens concerning the issues of environmental pollution and pollution prevention, environmental economics, health care reform, and consumer rights.

Summer jobs or internships for MPA are definite options to consider. Students can join Bates graduate Sarah Standiford '97 and current Bates faculty and students in their activities with this progressive organization.

MPA is "the largest and best-staffed progressive organization in Maine. It provides many opportunities for students to learn about multiple kinds of political work," said Professor of English Carole Taylor, who also serves on MPA's board of directors.

Taylor has been on the State Board and Executive Policy Committee for less than

a year, but has been involved in many important projects. The projects include environmental work to improve the Toxic Use Reduction Act and to stop the mercury poisoning at HoltraChem, one of the largest mercury spill-sites in the U.S., as well as a local health survey to provide concrete data about the state of insurance coverage and actual health services.

Angel Drobnica '00 learned about MPA through Professor of Political Science William Corlett. Corlett has been a member of MPA for a number of years. Drobnica has been interning for two and a half months and plans to continue her work over the summer.

"I'm very interested in environmental and health issues. The toxic project [referred to by Taylor] seemed a perfect internship for me to incorporate the two issues together,"

said Drobnica.

Through her research, Drobnica has acquired knowledge on the use of toxics by different corporations and their effects on humans and the environment.

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Carole Taylor
Professor of English

"I have found the dynamics of the MPA group to be very encouraging. [It] consists of a group of dedicated people who are focused on common causes," said Drobnica.

MPA has immediate summer job positions that

need to be filled. Standiford, director of field organization, is looking to hire some activists to be field organizers as well as interns and volunteers.

Field organizers are "a fleet of folks

charged with tromping around the state mobilizing folks on these issues, generating phone calls and letters and generally finding people who have a sense about corporate power and injustice," said Standiford. She explains that "Corporate power should not be preventing citizens from access to basic health care and a clean environment and in order to reclaim this power we need to organize ourselves."

"Not everyone in Maine is a member of MPA, but everyone has benefitted from the work that we've been doing for the past 16 years. We invite everyone to join in this effort," said Standiford.

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In the mood for greasy grub? Diner options in the area

Uncle Moe's Diner

By TINA IYER
Features Editor

Right over the town line of Sabattus is Uncle Moe's Diner, which offers a complete menu for breakfast (served all day), lunch, dinner, and cocktails. A Bates institution on weekends (look for large and small groups of students nursing hangovers in the early afternoon), Uncle Moe's is a short drive for a full meal.

My dining companion and I didn't get to Uncle Moe's until late last Sunday afternoon. After spending an hour shoveling our cars out from the road, we were ready for a steady stream of coffee and some life sustaining grease. We were also ready to put the five dollars that were supposed to go to our parking tickets to some grub.

With a parking lot big enough for an army, Moe's welcomes its visitors. And while it is definitely a Bates place (as much as every Batesie might like to deny it), it certainly doesn't cater to the college crew.

You'll find all types - old, young, tired, and perky here. Family-run by Uncle Moe and Aunt Lorraine (their names distinguish the sexes for the bathrooms) and their son Dan, there is a comfortable, homey feel to Moe's.

And Maine-blooded to the end, the main room - the big room - is for smoking. Those afraid of cancer can retreat to the smaller side room for a smoke-free environment.

Diners can choose from cushy booths or normal tables - your big coffee cup has already beat you to the paper placemat. Country music plays quietly (and inoffen-

sively) in the background, and Easter decorations abound, down to the egg and bunny stickers adorning the mirrored wall.

Our friendly waitress poured our coffee right away as we placed our orders. The menu is extensive - all the breakfast fare that you could hope for plus sandwiches and meal specials. A full breakfast can be had for less than five dollars - and this means the works - homefries, toast, and some kind of meat.

Our waitress talked me out of ordering three blueberry pancakes (only \$3.15); she said they would be way too big for me.

My companion indulged in a bagel sandwich with Canadian bacon, cheese, and egg.

Our food came quickly, and it was hot, filling, and delicious. And the waitress was right - the pancakes were huge. One downside was that my maple syrup

came in a little plastic container. The other downside was slow service to get the check (our waitress was catching up with the Sunday paper).

The total for our meal for two was only a little over ten dollars. And they'll take your plastic (sans American Express).

Go to Moe's and expect a warm welcome. On a little board behind the cash register, Moe thanks Bates friends for continued support. You know they want you.

For a crowd, head to Moe's midday on a Saturday or a Sunday, show up later in the day for some peace and quiet, and expect a hearty meal all day long.

Just drive down Sabattus Street until you cross the Sabattus town line. You can't miss Moe's.

By TAMARA BACKER
Copy Editor

The Governor's Diner is exactly what it claims to be - "a most unusual restaurant." Walking into the diner, I was immediately struck by the desserts on display - the "Giant" Homemade Cream Puffs, "Giant" Eclairs, "Giant" Peanut Butter Cups ... I soon came to find out that "Giant" was going to be the theme of my meal; no one goes hungry at Governor's.

Even before I was seated I had picked out my dessert from the revolving glass display case - peanut butter pie topped off with a homemade peanut butter cup.

I sat down with my coffee-stained menu and read the brief history of the restaurant.

Owned by Leith and Donna Wadleigh, Governor's

was opened in 1960 as an ice cream takeout stand called Creemee's that operated from Mother's Day until late October. Two years later a sit-down lunch counter was added. Finally, to ensure year-round employment, it was made into a full-service restaurant with a dining room.

At that point the owners thought a new name for the place might be in store, and as the history described on the menu explained, "Leith could remember how to build the best hamburger in town, and recite the ingredients of his famous strawberry pie in his sleep, but remembering customer's names was something else. All of the regulars were greeted with "Hi ya Governor!" Thus, Governor's was born.

After talking with my waitress, I realized that almost 40 years later it still is the regulars that make the restaurant. She told me that some customers come in as often as six or seven times a day for coffee, dessert, or a meal.

Others discovered Governor's during the ice storm, when so many were out of power and searching for new meal possibilities.

Although business has increased since

the storm, and young people often come in, there does not seem to be a large Bates clientele.

Ordering my meal was an experience. The table of contents directed me through the 12 page menu - steaks and chicken fell under the heading "USDA," vegetarian foods under "Department of Health," and spaghetti under "Italian Embassy."

Since I was in a diner, I figured that I should opt for some authentic diner food. I decided on the fish fry that my waitress recommended, which

was found on page six of the menu under "Commissioner of Fisheries."

It came with a choice of potatoes or rice, coleslaw, steamed vegetable of the day, homemade applesauce or a small tossed salad, and a homemade roll, all for \$4.79.

First, my milkshake arrived. I strongly recommend the "Famous Shakes" - thick but not so thick that you can't use a straw to slurp it down. For those who like shakes with the consistency of soft ice cream, the "Famous Nor'Easter" is the shake for you.

My appetizer came soon after - a heaping plate of deep-fried onion rings, mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and chicken wings - perfect for people who can't decide which greasy treat to indulge in.

By the time my fish fry arrived I was already full, but I kept on eating. Finally, I ordered my long-awaited peanut butter pie. I could only eat a couple of bites before I had to call it quits for fear of having a heart attack.

When you are in the mood for diner food, Governor's is the right place to go. The food is good and the prices are reasonable (although medical expenses for that heart attack are not included in your bill.) Also worthy of note are the inexpensive daily specials and of course, breakfast at Governor's is not to be beat.

Governor's Diner is located at 1185 Lisbon Street.

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CORRECTION: In Saif Ahmed's article in the March 20 issue, a misprint read that "... Muslims only respect but do worship the prophets." The correct sentence reads, "Muslims only respect but do not worship the prophets."

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The Arts

Setting the Stage

Set and costume designer teaches at Bates

By TAMARA BACKER
Copy Editor
and ANNE FAZIO
Managing Editor

One of the freshest additions to Bates College this year is Ellen Seeling, the set and costume designer in the Theater Department. Ellen brings a great deal of energy to the Bates community as well as a unique background.

Ellen's interest in stage design began during her education at Herron School of Art, where she studied painting and sculpture. The majority of her friends were ballet dancers, which prompted her involvement on the stage. Although she had a strong background in math, Ellen, like many females, was initially intimidated by the technical aspects of design. That did not, however, stop her from pursuing this path.

After college Ellen spent four years in Denver and Boston apprenticing designers and "waiting tables as all theater and art people do." While in Boston, she took her portfolio to Brandeis University where she received a large scholarship. Ellen refers to her education at Brandeis as "the most amazing experience ever" because of the outstanding training she received from many of the big names in the design world. She credits her professors with molding and teaching her, as well as instilling in her a love for teaching others.

Ellen spent the next five years in New York City "because that's what you're supposed to do." There she designed sets and costumes and assisted, drafted, and painted scenery for other designers. Her work spanned from Off-Broadway shows to indus-

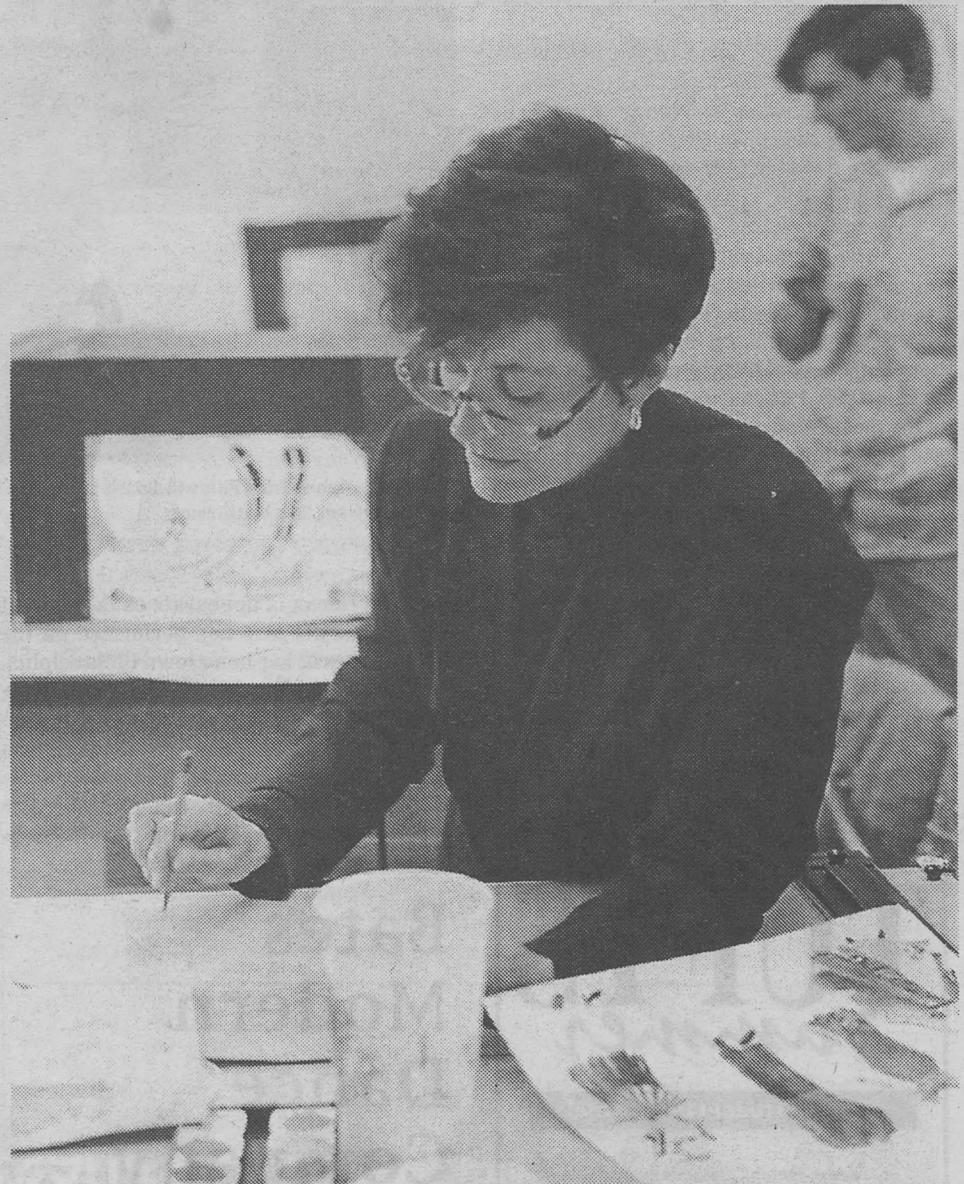
trials and commercials. After working for two years with the Santa Fe Opera based in New York, she began her profession in teaching.

Before arriving at Bates, Ellen was able to gain experience working at a number of colleges and universities. She is now glad to be at a liberal arts college because it fosters individuality and provides a wide variety of opportunities. She says, "the best designers are intelligent and curious. You are all willing to jump off a bridge and that is exciting."

She commends the faculty and staff at Bates for their willingness to support her interests in fields other than set and costume design. At Bates, Ellen hopes to explore such avenues as Bunraku (giant puppets) and women in film and theater, as well as continuing to direct. She enjoys the intense relationship that forms between the director and actors, and has a deep admiration for the performers who "put their whole souls out there doing outrageous things."

The creative process for set and costume design which Ellen emphasizes in her courses is the same one she uses. She reads and analyzes the play, talks to the director, researches the background and the time period, and then finally "throws it all in the pot to stew." Only then is she able to play with ideas and begin drawing. For Ellen the process is more important than the product. She recalls the words of one of her favorite professors: "Ellen, if you're not having a great time along the way, it's not worth it."

At Bates, Ellen has designed the sets and costumes for "Antigone" and "The Seagull," and teaches courses on set and costume design.



Professor Ellen Seeling in the Theater Department with a student's design in the foreground.

Erin Mullin photo

Bates' American Indian Awareness Organization proudly presents two events:

An opportunity for an evening of dialogue and culture with
MAESTRO TLAKAELEL, a Mexica-Toltec Indian Elder, author and teacher.
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This event is open to all at no cost — donations are gratefully accepted. Children are welcome. Tlakaheel has been with us several times in the past and has always been warmly received. We hope you will join us for this very special opportunity.

Maestro Tlakaheel is of Mexica/Toltec ancestry and lives outside of Mexico City in Coacalco.

Tlakaheel has been travelling the world for more than fifty years, working with people from hundreds of Indigenous groups and transmitting a message of Peace and Dignity for all Peoples. He is the President of In Kaltonal, the officially-recognized Indigenous Church of Mexico and was the inspiration for the 1992 Journeys of Peace and Dignity, an intercontinental relay run which gained international attention, securing state recognition of 56 Indigenous nations in Mexico and negotiating the release of some 6000 political prisoners. The Maestro has addressed audiences at M.I.T., Harvard, the Universities of Connecticut, Texas, Illinois, Colorado and countless other educational and religious organizations around the globe. He is also author of the book *Nahui Mitl*, soon to be released in English.

Oneida Singer/Songwriter
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& her sister, Diane
In Concert
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Joanne Shenandoah is one of the most highly respected and well known Native American musicians currently performing. She is a Wolf Clan Oneida from Oneida Territory in upstate New York.

She has a number of albums to her credit, has appeared on HBO, TNN and the series "Northern Exposure" and has collaborated with such artists as Robbie Robertson, Neil Young and A. Paul Ortega. Her 1996 album "Matriarch," won her the 1996 Native Musician of the Year award, and she was voted one of Native America's "Twelve Women of Hope." She performed at the World Special Olympics in 1995 and officially opened Woodstock II in 1994.

Joanne Shenandoah's music is extremely versatile, ranging from traditional Iroquois to contemporary folk and rock. There's something for everyone.

She will be performing for one show only in the state, and we are thrilled and honoured to be hosting her here. Performing with Joanne is her sister Diane Shenandoah, an Oneida Wolf Clan Faithkeeper as well as an accomplished vocalist and sculptor.

Arts in Maine

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"Blue Hat, Orange Scarf II" by Audrey Lucas
oil on canvas
Senior Thesis Exhibition

Jazz artist to deliver Bates Kendall lecture and concert

Accomplished pianist and organist Trudy Pitts will discuss her life as a female African-American jazz artist when she delivers the annual Edith C. and Raymond L. Kendall Lecture at Bates College on Wednesday, April 1 at 3 p.m. in Room 105 of the Olin Arts Center.

As the second part of the 1998 music event, the annual Kendall Concert features Pitts, accompanied by William Carney on drums and bassist Lee Smith also on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall. The public is invited to attend both events free of charge.

A composer, arranger, teacher and vocalist, the Philadelphia-based Pitts is equally accomplished in both classical and jazz repertoires. Named "A Living Legend" for lifetime achievement by International Women in Jazz in 1996, Pitts has performed with some of the most celebrated jazz musicians in the world, including John Coltrane, Clark Terry, Lionel Hampton, Jimmy Heath, Donald Byrd, Ben Webster, Buddy Tate and Rashan Roland Kirk. Pitts collaborates regularly with drummer William Carney, better known as "Mr. C."

In 1997, Pitts performed at the Kennedy Center in the Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival and was featured in a special Mother's Day solo piano concert with Marian McPartland at Temple University's Rock Hall. Pitts toured throughout the U.S. with the national company of the Tony Award-winning show "Raisin," drawing acclaim for her organ and piano performances.



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A veteran of appearances throughout the world, Pitts also has performed on the major stages of her hometown Philadelphia, including stints at the Academy of Music, Mann Music Center, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the AfroAmerican Historical and Cultural Museum.

Most recently, Pitts released "Me, Myself and I" (1994), a solo piano CD on Scorpio

Leo Ltd. Other Pitts recordings include "Trudy Pitts & Mr.C: A Bucketful of Soul," "Introducing the Fabulous Trudy Pitts," "These Blues of Mine" and "The Excitement of Trudy Pitts: Live at Club Barron," all on the Prestige label, and "Freedom Child," recorded in Bermuda on the Edmar label.

In '95, Pitts received a Meet the Composer commissioning grant for an original sacred music jazz suite entitled "A Joyful

Noise", which premiered in 1996 at the historic Mother Bethel Church in Philadelphia. The project also received support from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the MidAtlantic Arts Consortium.

Encouraged by her mother to pursue a career as a concert pianist, Pitts trained on the undergraduate and graduate levels at the Julliard School of Music, Temple University, Connecticut College and the Philadelphia Musical Academy, where she received a bachelor's degree in music.

Following five years of teaching music in the Philadelphia public schools, Pitts has since conducted workshops and master classes in community and university settings throughout the United States and Canada. Currently, she is a faculty member at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and Philadelphia Community College.

These programs represent the sixth annual Kendall music event, made possible by the Edith C. and the Raymond L. Kendall '19 Endowment Fund and the Bates College Concert Series. Admission is free and open to the public. The Kendall Fund was established by Edith C. Kendall and Raymond L. Kendall, retired professor of education and psychology at Bates. It annually sponsors a campus residency by a visiting lecturer "of high achievement...who can communicate well with undergraduates, thus leading them to a deeper understanding of music or the study of music."

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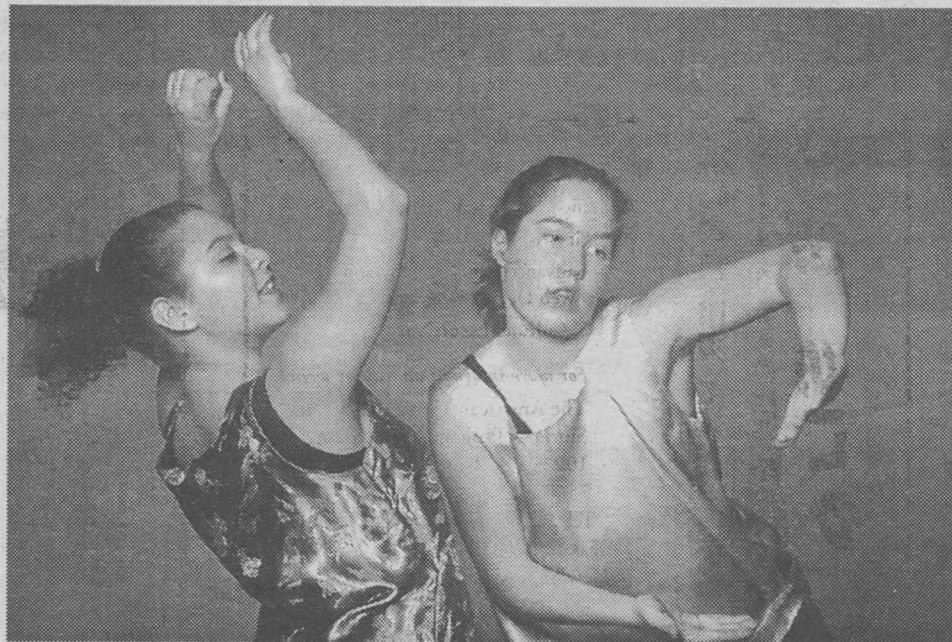
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Sports

View from the Cheap Seats

By DAVE RICHTER
Staff Writer

In the world of sports there are two types of people. There are those who love sports, have talent, and can play well at the high school, college, and occasionally the professional level. Then there are those who love sports, but don't have a speck of talent. They are generally left to sit and watch sports, and if pathetic enough, will even choose to write about them. I think it's clear what category I fall into. Still, there are the occasional opportunities for people such as myself to participate. Because it's really the only sport I take an active part in here at Bates College, and because it gets basically no newspaper coverage, I felt I had to write something about the intramural basketball league.

Last Tuesday saw the end of the regular season as The Arctic Beasts, captained by yours truly once again were barely edged

out by a slightly more physical opponent. What that really means is that we got our asses kicked by the football team. That ended our season with a record of something like 2 and 7. It is a sure sign that things aren't going well when a forfeit doubles your winning percentage. Still, I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by all.

I think it is also fair to say that most people underestimate how much talent there is in intramural leagues. True there are no Michael Jordans, but the games feature some of the school's top athletes. Needless to say, I was overmatched by just about everyone I ever guarded. While there is a large range between the skill levels of various players, there is also a very large gap in how seriously the games are taken. A perfect example of this can be seen on my own team. On one hand we have Legendary Tight End TJ Lepore. An average trip down the court for TJ consists of dropping three consecutive rebounds, accidentally tipping the ball into the wrong basket, and then raising his arms in

mock triumph as he runs back down the court. On the other side we have Andy "the pimp of Smith" Stanton, yelling at people to get back on defense, designing various strategies, and barking out plays. The funny thing is that since this is an IM team with no practices, we don't really have any plays.

The only play I have down is best known as "The Panic". The gist of this one is that I grab a rebound and dribble into the corner where I then proceed to pick the ball up. I then turn the ball over, and since all of my teammates have run down the court on offense, the other team has an uncontested layup/dunk. Usually our opponents can count on me to give them about six to ten points a game. Then there is my shooting. I think on the season I had about fifteen points worth of prayers. Usually I am a decent shooter, its just that in actuality you have to first catch the ball before you can shoot it. I had a lot of trouble with that whole concept this season.

Part of my team's success, or lack thereof, was due to my play, but a good part was

due to just how good this league was. There were many players who probably could have played varsity ball, but opted not to for various reasons. Many of them played for their high school teams, and are still excellent players. I spent quite a bit of time on the bench watching the games, and I have to say that it is a good brand of basketball. It's as fast paced as a playground game, but it doesn't get out of hand thanks to the presence of refs. Most playground games digress to people shooting fifty footers by the end. Because of the organization of the intramural league that doesn't really happen.

What we end up with is a good time had by all. No matter what your status is in the world of sports there are always leagues such as these that are there for everyone. While the playoffs will be over by the time the paper comes out, I strongly encourage people to participate in any of the intramural sports leagues.

Paris 98

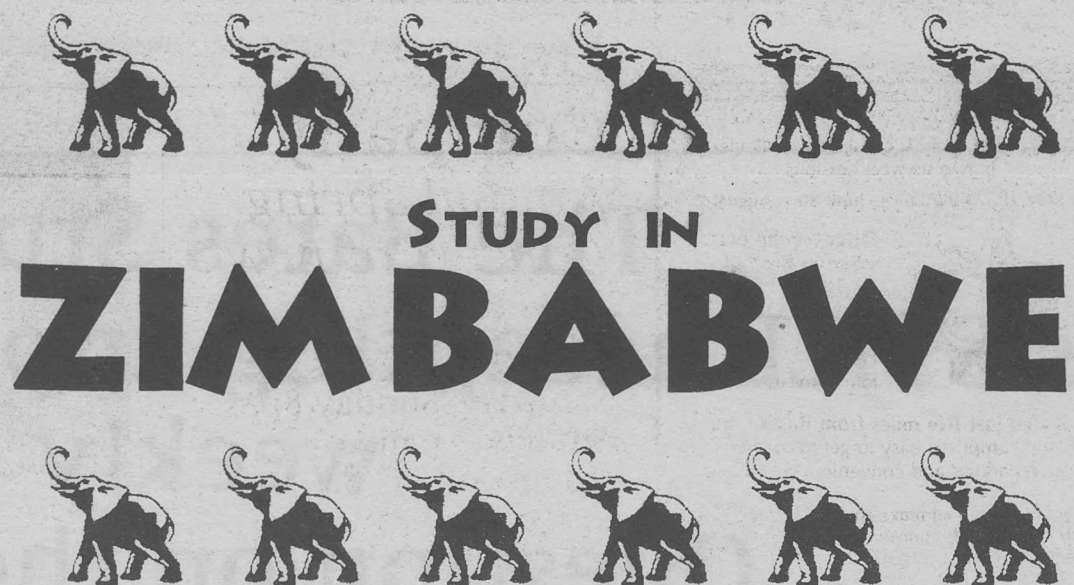
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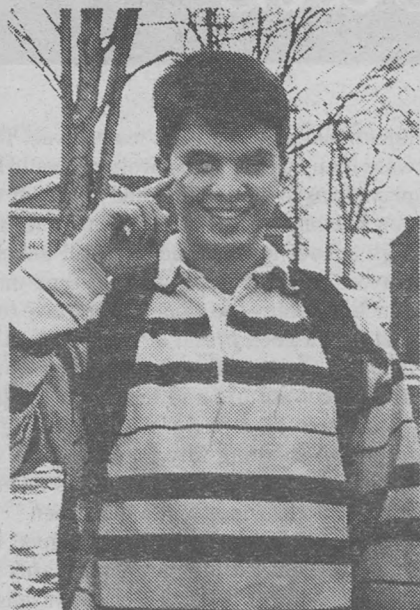
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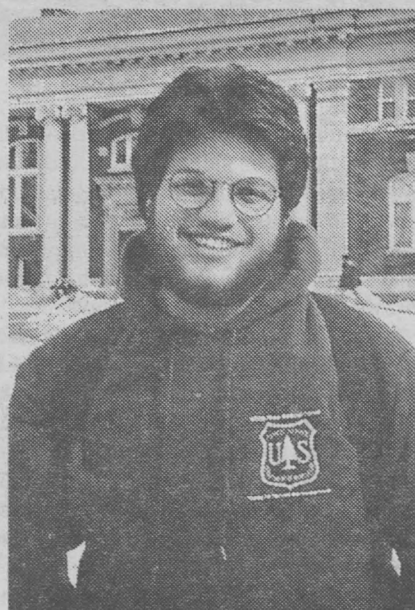
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If you could teach a course at Bates, what would it be?



"Traying 101."

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